(b) The funds were released to State Government under different schemes as per guidelines wherein matching contribution for the State Government was required only for some of the schemes.

(c) Out of 104 projects sanctioned during the Ninth Plan, 27 projects have been completed.

(d) During first year of Tenth Five Year Plan *i.e.* 2002-03, three projects have been sanctioned for Rs. 295.00 lakhs for the State of Uttar Pradesh. During 2003-04, no proposal has been sanctioned as yet.

Completion of Khammam Project

4146. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAYYA : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Tourism Corporation proposed to expand the paper project in Khammam district with an investment of Rs. 260 crore;

(b) if so, the details of the same; and

(c) by when the work on this project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) No, Sir, there is no such proposal in the Department of Tourism.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Plans to encourage Tourism

4147. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA :
DR. ABRAR AHMED :

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any short-term and long-term plans to encourage the foreign as well as domestic tourists in the country; and

(b) the outcome of Government's plans?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Promotion of tourism in the overseas and domestic markets has resulted in 2.36 million foreign tourists and 272 million domestic tourists visits in 2002. The foreign exchange earnings through tourism in 2002 were Rs. 14420 crores.